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Paul, . Now as to my action on 7-41, I was awoken about 3 am on that day and as I was in charge of the radio maintenance, I was called to the transmitter room the repair the CXL ac moter . As you know the ships primary electric supply was DC. So I was on my battle station already and it was my duty to set up emergncy frequencies for the main radio room. That was what I was doing along with 6 or 7 shipmates that was assigned to that battle station. We did fine until the word came over the sound powered phones to abandone ship. That was hard to believe the directive so I tried the phones myself and could reach no one so we abandond ship. I stood on the blister ledge deciding what to do . then I dove into the water and swam over to the MARYLAND and helped pass ammo for a while. I then went over to Ford Islkand and stayed there for about three day and while there I was taken back aboard the ship to listen to morse code being tapped out by the radio men that was assigned to the emergence radio room. I was there when the remove 7 fellows from the compartment. I was on Ford Island until they caught up with me and I was sent to the receiving station..